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In a nutshell

Tesla starts hiring in India
NEW DELHI: American electric carmaker Tesla has opened recruitments for various roles in India, including business operations analyst and customer support specialist, in what could be a precursor for the company's entry into the country. As per the job postings, the posts are for the 'Mumbai Suburban' area. Tesla's possible entry into the Indian market has been keenly awaited.
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Class X students booked for assault

MANCHERIAL: Seven students from Mahatma Jyothiba Phule Residential School-Chennur were booked for allegedly thrashing another student of the institution on Monday. Police said a case was registered against seven Class X students under Sections 324 and 323 and other relevant sections of the IPC for assaulting a Grade 10 student from Naspur.
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President nod to prosecute Jain

NEW DELHI: President Droupadi Murmu has granted the sanction to prosecute AAP leader and former Delhi minister Satyendar Jain in a money-laundering case being investigated by the Enforcement Directorate, sources said on Tuesday. The sanction against the 60-year-old former Delhi health minister was sought under section 218 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita. PTI

'420 rule' of Congress disastrous for State: KTR

Says over 430 farmers died by suicide in the last one year



BRS working president KT Rama Rao addressing a massive gathering of farmers as part of the Rythu Maha Dharna at Amangal.

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Stating that the Congress rule has been disastrous for the State, with farmers being the worst-hit, BRS working president KT Rama Rao on Tuesday said over 430 farmers were forced to end their lives under the '420' rule of the Congress. Addressing a massive gathering of farmers as part of the Rythu Maha Dharna at Amangal, he said though the Congress celebrated two birthdays of their leader Sonia Gandhi after coming to power, the government had failed to fulfil the Rs 2 lakh crop loan

waiver promised to farmers. He also pointed out the distressing reality of banks seizing valuables from indebted farmers as part of the loan recovery process. "They seized a gate which was removed from a farmer's house. They removed the starters rendering the farmers' pump sets non-functional. The day is not far when the women of the farming community will have their mangalsutras snatched from them," he said. Highlighting the tragic trend of farmers, overwhelmed by debt, dying by suicides in banks and revenue offices, he added that

the suffering extended beyond the farming community. "The weaver community is also under immense stress, leading to suicides. The real estate sector is in turmoil, with realtors ending their lives due to financial crises. Over 56 students have died by suicide in Gurukuls," he said, stating that Telangana, which was achieved with long struggles and nurtured so well and so long by BRS chief K Chandrashekhara Rao, was once again pushed into shambles by the Congress. People were deceived by the Congress because they had let themselves be meted out by such a fate. Stating

that people were misled by Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, leading to severe repercussions for the agrarian community, he warned the people against being deceived once again by the Congress. The ruling party was trying to reach out to the people, especially the farming community, once again in view of the approaching local body polls. It had started remitting Rythu Bharosa but affecting cuts in numerous ways. Though it promised Rs 7,500 per acre per season as crop investment assistance, it started giving only Rs 6,000 per acre. (SEE PAGE 2)

IT'S OFFICIAL! GROWTH UNDER BRS STUNNING

Cong govt report lists progress from 2014-23

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The Congress government, which has been repeatedly maligning the State by denying the stupendous growth it had achieved after formation in 2014 to 2023 under the BRS government, is now finding itself in a quite embarrassing position after the Telangana State Statistical Abstract (ATLAS), brought out by the State Development Planning Society (TGDPs) of the Planning Department, pointed out in detail the 'remarkable progress' it achieved in the decade after State formation.

Interestingly, some of the most significant acknowledgements of this in the report are in the sections pertaining to economic growth, an area repeatedly used by the Congress to criticise the BRS regime. The report says that the new State had received as a legacy in 2014 would have been enough to plant doubts in anyone's mind about its future economic trajectory.

The report goes on to say that, however, Telangana's performance in terms of the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP), which measures the value of all final goods and services produced within state boundaries in a year, reflects the remarkable progress it has achieved since its formation. In the two years preceding State formation, the Telangana region's average rate of growth of GDP (current prices), at 12.1 per cent was 1.3 per cent less than India's average.

"After State formation, Telangana's GSDP growth rate has been higher than the growth rate of the country for every single year, and the gap has widened with each successive year. In the year of State formation itself, Telangana achieved a 1 per cent higher growth rate of GSDP (current prices) than India's. On average, Telangana has grown at a 2.2 per cent higher rate than India in the period post 2014-15," the report notes.

GSDP growth

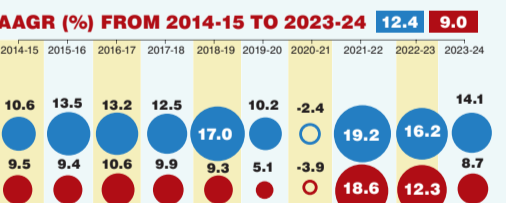
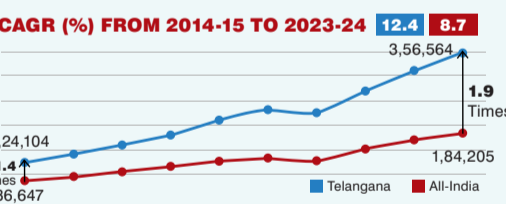
The report pointed out that Telangana's GSDP increased from Rs 5,05,849 crore in 2014-15 to Rs 15,01,981 crore in 2023-24—an increase of 196.9 per cent, making it the second-ranked NSC State in terms of the overall GSDP increase during this period. However, during this period, the country's GDP increased by only 136.89 per cent. "With an average annual

Per Capita Income at current prices

THE PER CAPITA INCOME OF TELANGANA INCREASED FROM Rs 91,121 IN 2011-12 TO Rs 3,56,564 IN 2023-24, WHILE THAT OF INDIA INCREASED FROM Rs 63,462 TO Rs 1,84,205 IN THE SAME PERIOD. FROM 2012-13 TO 2023-24, THE AAGR OF PER CAPITA INCOME IN TELANGANA WAS 12.2%, IN COMPARISON TO INDIA'S AAGR OF PCI OF 9.4% IN THE SAME PERIOD. FROM 2014-15 TO 2023-24, THE AAGR OF PER CAPITA INCOME IN TELANGANA WAS 12.4%, IN COMPARISON TO INDIA'S AAGR OF PCI OF 9.0% IN THE SAME PERIOD.

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2011-12	91,121	63,462	—	—	—	—
2012-13	1,01,027	70,983	10.8	11.9	—	—
2013-14	1,12,162	79,118	11.0	11.5	—	—
2014-15	1,24,104	86,647	10.6	9.5	—	—
2015-16	1,40,840	94,797	13.5	9.4	—	—
2016-17	1,59,395	1,04,880	13.2	10.6	—	—
2017-18	1,79,358	1,15,224	12.5	9.9	—	—
2018-19	2,09,848	1,25,946	17.0	9.3	—	—
2019-20	2,31,326	1,32,341	10.2	5.1	—	—
2020-21 (TRE)	2,25,734	1,27,065	-2.4	-3.9	—	—
2021-22 (SRE)	2,69,000	1,50,906	19.2	18.6	—	—
2022-23 (FRE)	3,12,522	1,69,496	16.2	12.3	—	—
2023-24 (PE)	3,56,564	1,84,205	14.1	8.7	—	—
AAGR (%) (From 2012-13 to 2023-24)			12.2	9.4		
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- Ranked 9th in terms of contribution to national Industrial GVA and 7th position in terms of number of workers employed in formal manufacturing amongst all States and UTs
- After State formation, GDP growth rate has been higher than growth rate of country for every single year
- With an average annual growth rate of GSDP of 12.9% from 2014-15 to 2023-24, Telangana surpassed all South Indian States
- State's share in national GDP increased from 4.1% in 2014-15 to 5.1% in 2023-24, despite its share in national population remaining constant at 2.8%
- Agriculture sector grew at an average annual rate of 14.2% from 2016-17 to 2023-24
- Industrial sector registered impressive annual average growth rate of 9%; services sector has grown in double-digit figures in all years since State formation



Source: Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), GoI
Abbreviations: (AAGR: Average Annual Growth Rate, PCI: Per Capita Income, PE: Provisional Estimates, FRE: First Revised Estimates, SRE: Second Revised Estimates, TRE: Third Revised Estimates)

SC raps podcaster for 'vulgarity, dirty mind'

NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday granted interim protection from arrest to podcaster Ranveer Allahbadia over his comments on a YouTube show while calling it 'vulgar' and saying he had 'dirty mind' which put society to shame.

Several FIRs were lodged against Allahbadia, popularly known as BeerBiceps, for the comment on parents and sex on comic Samay Raina's YouTube show 'India's Got Latent'.

"Where is the question of an individual's morality? We can understand if one person says I don't like these kinds of words. You tell us, if there is anyone on earth who would like these kinds of words. You are insulting parents... We don't want to say anything further but there is something very dirty in his mind that has been vomited by him in this

WHAT THE COURT SAID

- Orders Ranveer Allahbadia or his associates not to air any show on YouTube
- Directs him to deposit his passport with investigating officer of police station Nodal Cyber Police, Thane
- Asks him not to leave the country without its permission

ENTIRE SOCIETY IS ASHAMED BY HIS WORDS. IN THIS COUNTRY, THIS IS NOT OBSCENITY THEN WHAT IS THE STANDARD OF OBSCENITY WE DON'T WANT TO SAY ANYTHING FURTHER BUT THERE IS SOMETHING VERY DIRTY IN HIS MIND VOMITED IN THIS KIND OF A PROGRAMME — SUPREME COURT BENCH

kind of a programme. Why should the court entertain this kind of person? You please tell us," said Justice Surya Kant. A Bench of Justice Kant and N Kotiswar

India, Qatar eye \$28 billion trade



Prime Minister Narendra Modi greets Amir of Qatar Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al Thani in New Delhi. — Photo:PTI

NEW DELHI

India and Qatar on Tuesday agreed to double bilateral trade to \$28 billion over the next five years and announced the elevation of their relationship to the level of strategic partnership as Prime Minister Narendra Modi held talks with Amir Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al-Thani.

The two sides also signed two agreements — one on establishing strategic part-

nership and another on Revised Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement and signed five memoranda of understanding to strengthen economic partnership, step up ties in areas such as management of archives, and cooperation in youth affairs and sports.

"The agreement actually elevates the present state of bilateral relationship to a strategic level," Arun Kumar Chatterjee, Secretary, MEA, said. (SEE PAGE 2)

New CEC to take charge

NEW DELHI

Gyanesh Kumar, who as a senior Union Home Ministry official played a key role in the government's move to abrogate provisions of Article 370 in J&K and setting up the Ram temple trust, will assume the office of the Chief Election Commissioner on Wednesday.

Kumar retired as Secretary in the Cooperation ministry in January 2024 and was appointed as an election commissioner in March 2024. He will be-

SC TO HEAR CASE TODAY

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Tuesday said it would on February 19 take up on "priority basis" the pleas against the appointments of the CEC and EC under the 2023 law. The Bench assured advocate Prashant Bhushan that after some urgent listed matters, it would take up the petitions for hearing on February 19. PTI

come the 26th CEC, a day after incumbent Rajiv Kumar demits office on Tuesday evening. PTI

Plane faces landing gear issue at RGIA

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Tense moments were witnessed at the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA) after an aircraft on way from Chennai faced a landing gear problem on Tuesday.

The pilot later managed to make a safe landing after the ATC put the airport on alert. The aircraft of a courier company was on its way to RGIA from Chennai when the pilot noticed

DELTA JET FLIPS UPSIDE DOWN IN TORONTO

TORONTO: A Delta Air Lines jet flipped on its roof while landing Monday at Toronto's Pearson Airport, but all 80 people on board survived and those hurt had relatively minor injuries, the airport's chief executive said. Snow blown by winds gusting to 40 mph (65 kph) swirled when the flight from Minneapolis carrying 76 passengers and four crew attempted to land at around 2:15 pm. PTI



technical issues with landing gear. The ATC was alerted and soon Rapid Response Teams were alerted. Two international

flights in view of the situation were denied the permission to land at the airport temporarily. The aircraft, carrying six

persons on board, landed safely much to the relief of the airport authorities. The authorities heaved a sigh of relief after it landed safely.

Advocate dies of heart attack in HC

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A senior advocate died, allegedly after suffering a heart attack, while arguing the matter in Telangana High Court on Tuesday afternoon.

The advocate, P Venugopal Rao, who was presenting his arguments before the judge at Court No 21, suddenly suffered a



P Venugopal Rao

heart attack and collapsed in the courtroom at around 1.30 pm. Other lawyers, who were present in the courtroom, rushed him immediately to Osmania General Hospital, where the doctors declared

him dead. As a mark of respect, the judge suspended the court work.